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NEVVES FROM
ALSASIA AND THE PALATI-
nate, the fift of Iune.

THE ABSTRACT OF THREE SEVE-
rall letters, the one sent from *Elfas* in *Alfasia*, where *Leopold*
vsed to keepe his Court, the other from *Hagenaw* which
was besieged by him the last from *Franke-fort*, con-
taining the King of *Bohemias* pursute of his Victory
obtained against the Emperours forces vn-
der *Leopoldus*.

AFTERWARDS THE MARCHING OF THE
Kings forces vnder Count *Mansfield*, towards the Landtgrane
of *Darmestass* Country, with the Abstract of another letter
sent from the Land of *Hessen*, relating the adven-
tures which hath happened to the Duke
Christian of *Brunswicke* in his
journey towards the Pala-
tinate.

The late proceedings in the Low-countries, France, and
diuers other parts in Germanie.



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AN ABSTRACT

OV T O F L E T T E R S W R I T T E N
F R O M E L S A S A N D S T R A B V R G H,
bearing date of the 22. of May. 1622.



He Towne of Hagenaw being strongly besieged by the Arch Duke *Leopoldus*, and vpon the 16. of May, all the scones about it taken by him, but yet with great losse of many of his men, presently thereupon he sent certaine messengers to Strasburgh, who for the taking in of the Towne made sute vnto them to send him some prouision for the same, hoping vpon the 17. of May, to take it; and for that it is the Imperi- all chamber, the sayd Arch Duke doubted not, but that the Counsell of the Citie of Strasburgh, would not spare to stretch out their meanes to helpe him, where vpon the sayd Counsell taking no speedy resolution, but rather for a while consulted what they should doe, sent some powder, bullets, and prouant vnto him. But not long after, newes was brought that *Fredericke King of Bohemia*, and the Earle of Mansfield with their Ar- mie were not farre from Hagenaw, and that 1000. cra- baten most cuirassers, that were sent by the Arch Duke to stop Mansfields passage, were set vpon and fought with all by *Colonell Ouertrant*, in which fight 500. of them were slaine, many taken prisoners, and the rest scattered and dispersed abroad. And vpon the 17. day of May in the euening, some of them that fled, got to *Leopoldus Campe*, and certified him thereof, counsel- ling him to make preparation to fly away, whereupon

he presently set fire on his Tents, and so went away, leaving the Towne at libertie againe. But the Earle of Mansfield, with all speede and diligence with 10000. men, followed him, and as many of his souldiers as he could get, he slew, and dispersing *Leopoldus* Armie tooke from him great store of powder, bullets, pillage: and some prouant.

And vpon the 18. and 19. of May the sayd Earle of Mansfield pursuing the chase, marched further towards Trusenheim, where *Leopoldus* souldiers had cast vp a sconse vpon the Rhin, and had fortified the same, wherein many of the sayd souldiers had saued themselues, to the number of 2000. men, and had prepared boates ready, if they were assailed, to set them ouer the Rhin, but Mansfield enclosed them round about, and cutting of the boates, and carrying them away, gaue them an alarme, and entring in vpon them, slew them all, and therein found great store of bootie, of the which euery souldier was suffered to take whatsoeuer he could for himselfe.

After that vpon the 20. of May many of Mansfields souldiers marched along by Strasburgh, to ouerrun all the Countrie of Elsas, and all those places that *Leopoldus* had taken in, which put *Leopoldus* souldiers in such a feare that they knew not where to stay, nor to hide themselues, and if it had not beene for a bridge that was broken downe, whereby *Colonell Ouertrant* came halfe an houre to late, he had taken *Leopoldus* himselfe, the King of Bohemia went personally to goe into Strasburgh, from whence *Leopoldus* messengers much griued, road hastily away, and what soeuer they had obtained of the Towne, Mansfield had the most part thereof.

Touching the Marquis of *Doerlach* his overthrow
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was not so great, as it was thought to haue beene, who with the first is to enter into the field againe with ten thousand men. It is sayd, that the Duke of *Bawaria* wrote vnto him, to make good his losses, and to giue him all againe that was taken from him, if hee would leaue the field, and discharge his souldiers; but hee roundly and roughly refused to doe so, and for answer sent him word, that he hoped by Armes to recouer his losses againe.

Letters of the 21. also certifie, That after *Leopoldus* Colonels and Souldiers vnderstood, that *Mansfields* Armie still marched vward, and behaued themselues so valiantly, and with such courage against them, they would not stay for him, but retired in flight to *Elfas*, *Sabren*, *Molsheim* and *Dackstein*; but their carriage, waggons and women, were all left behinde them, which *Mansfield* set vpon, and ransacking them, tooke many chaines of gold and jewells from them, but did no hurt to the women, but tooke their quarter from them, and there stayed.

Other Letters of the 22. certifie, That the same day six cornets of *Leopoldus* horsemen came to *Mittlehinsbergen*, that had conuoyed their Colonell *Mor-der*, but as then hee was not personally with them: men wondered that *Mansfield* had not set on them, they said, that in the space of three dayes, they had neyther eaten nor seene any bread, and that they had saued themselues heere and there in the woods, and for a time got sother from the said Towne, and after that went to *Strasburgh*, being not farre from thence, where staying about the length of a great peece of Ordinance shot, without the Towne, they sent a Trumpet to offer their seruice vnto them, but the magistrates thanked them, and made them answer, that they had

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no need of horsemen, whereupon they intreated the Magistrates, that they might be permitted (if any of *Mansfields* colonells were in the Towne) to offer their seruice vnto them, and so to yeelde themselues vnto him, which they graunted. But Colonell *Ouertrons* with his brother and cousen that then were there, hearing thereof, rode presently vnto them, with certaine horsemen; and entertaining them with a friendly countenance, asked them why they would no more serue their Lord, they tolde him, that they had not receiued any money in twelue or eightene moneths, as also, that their Colonell had left them, and that therefore they were discharged of their oathes, and prayed that they might bee entertained in *Mansfields* Army. The Duke of *Saxon* in the meane time came to dissuade those horse, when they were on the poynt of changing their Spanish Cosaques, & so was taken prisoner: he is of the house of *Saxen, Lawenberg*, his grandfather was he that was deprived of the Electorate; hee pretends himselfe to be no lawfull prisoner, hauing quitted a Regiment hee had in *Hungarie*, about seuen moneths since, that hee was at *Strasburgh*, in expectation of being receiued into the French Kings seruice. That hee came out of the Port of *Strasburgh* to speake with a Captaine of his brothers Regiment, to reserue himselfe for *Fraunce* if the Regiment disbanded. His Brother is in *Bohemia*, where hee hath two other Regiments, one of horse and another of foote. But *Ouertrant* alleadgeth that he is in *Leopoldus* seruice, and came out to dissuade the Regiment from disbanding, and that hee clapt betweene him and the Port. The Duke saith within the Centrie, but without the Turne pike. What King *Fredericke* will doe with him, wee shall hereafter heare.

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The said 6 Coronets of horsemen said, that the next day, 5 Coronets of *Cratische* horsemen, and a regiment of footemen more would also yeeld vnto *Mansfield*, and enter into pay with him. It is thought the whole army will rise and march towards *Elfus Sa-beren*, *Moltisheim*, *Dacstein* and other places, for that the said townes haue want of Munition and prouant, because they were forced to send it all to the campe before *Hagenaw*: it is dangerous traueiling in these parts round about: and it is to be feared that all *Elfas* will yeeld, or forcibly be brought vnder King *Fredericks* command. The Archduke *Leopoldus* saued himselfe in *Freiburge*.

Further, letters of the 22 of May certifie, that thereabouts they haue strengthened themselves with a few footmen that fled away from *Hagenaw*, with 5 field peeces, and in great danger; for the Marquis of *Durlach* who with 7000 foote and 2000 horsemen is entred againe into the field, and hauing discharged and paid all his men, hath againe entertained them in King *Fredericks* name.

The relieuing and bearing away of the army before *Hagenaw*, is confirmed by o-

ther letters : they vvithin the towne could not haue holden out about 2 dayes longer : the Archduke *Leopoldus* in his retraite lost a great peece of ordinance, 26 hundred weight of powder, great store of munition, bullets & match, as also all his cariage, and 500 men that vvere slaine, the rest that saued themselves in the flight, went to *Lichtnaw*, and further vpvvard to *Wilsteden*, & are gone ouer the Rhine, & in the ditches about the suburbes, vvile the garrison in *Hagenaw* valiantly defended themselves: many of *Leopoldus* souldiers vvere slaine in the approach. And newes is now come that *Wassenaar*, Colonell *Crats*, vvith 6 cornets of horsemen & 2 regiments of footmen, haue left *Leopoldus*, & are falne to *Mansfields* side, and that foure cornets of horsemen more & a regiment of footmen vvould doe the like.

*An extract of a letter sent from Hagenaw,
dated the 19. of May, 1622.*

The 17 of May the Earle of *Mansfield* came before *Hagenaw*, to release the towne from the siege that vvvas laid about it by the Archduke *Leopoldus*; and therefore the said Archduke had
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beaten downe the bridge over the vvater to hinder the enemies approach; but they vvithin in the space of three houres repaired it againe: but vvhen the Archduke vnderstood of the enemies approach vvith so great forces, in the morning at 6 of the clocke he left the towne, & in great confusion fled away, leauing behind him 4000 loaues of bread & good store of vvine & all other prouision. *Mansfields* horsemen set upon the *Leopoldians*, & kild all they could find, and tooke much booty from them, one vvaggon being laden full of bandoleers for peecees.

The 18 of May *Mansfields* souldiers vvent to *Buswilt* a mile from *Hagenaw*, vvherein vvvas 60 souldiers that yeelded unto them, there they found all maner of munition & a great peece of Ordinance, some peecees of Ordinance were sunke, and *Mansfields* souldiers were before *Cotten*, & as it is said haue taken it, & pursued after *Leopoldus* souldiers, and some of the said *Leopoldus* souldiers themselues did robbe and ranfacke many of his vvaggons, and tooke what they could cary away, the rest they left for *Mansfield*.

*An extract out of a letter sent from Frankfort
the 29. of May, 1622.*

That which was last written touching the breaking vp of the siege before the towne of *Hagenaw*, and the overthrow of *Leopoldus*, is confirmed out of *Elsas* and *Strasburch*, after that the towne of *Hagenaw* vvas besieged by *Leopoldus* vvith an army of 12000 men horse and foote, and the same had by him bin battered eight dayes together: they vvithin issued so valiantly out, and fought so couragiously within, that before it an Italian Colonell and a Lieutenant Colonell, called *Fels* vvere taken prisoners, vvho vvere much fauoured by *Leopoldus*, and a 1000 men vvere slaine by them, as also the 1000 *Crabaten* that the said Archduke sent to the towne of *Weissenburg* to take it, vvere also by the Earle of *Mansfield* most part slaine and disperfed, and yet dayly some of them are kild by the pefants.

The King of *Bohemia* vvith the Earle of *Mansfield* and 15000 horse and foote coming to *Hagenaw*, the *Leopoldians* vvere already fled, leauing all their cariage and vvaggons vvith munition behind them, and here and there saued themselves, as they best could doe it: but
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the Colonels *Quernint* and *Mogen* understanding they were fled, presently followed after them with their horsemen, and kild many of them: which pursuite continued for the space of three dayes till *Leopoldus* souldiers were driuen further away: and in *Trusen beymer* wood the said Earle of *Mansfield* enclosed 16 companies of Italian horsemen that could not get out; how they sped, it is yet not certainly knowne, but it is to be feared that few of them would escape away.

At *Bisweyld* 60 of them also saved themselves in the castle, with those that were Dutch and *Netherlanders*, good quarter was holden, but the *Spaniards* and *Wallons* were all slaine, for amongst them they held no quarter: in that castle they found 460 weight of powder, and at *Brumbt* 300 weight of powder. Thus *Leopoldus* souldiers were scattered abroad, and those that were not slaine fell from him, as already many cornets of horse and footmen are entertained by *Mansfield*, and are entered into pay.

It is said that the Earle of *Mansfield* lies round about *Spier* againe, to let the *Spaniards* that are coming thither from ioyning with

the *Bavarians*, and to cut them off. It is confirmed that the overthrow of the Marquis of *Durlach* was not so great as it was reported to be: the said Marquis in the beginning hauing had the victory against the *Spaniards*, but his gun powder being fired, the *Spaniards* set upon him againe, yet 2 spanish Lords were taken prisoners by him, for whom Monsieur *Tilly* offered to release all his prisoners, but the Marquis would not, vnlesse hee would restore his Ordinance and munition also againe.

*An abstract of a letter written from Hessen
the 22 of May, 1622.*

It is reported that the *Spaniards* and *Bavarians* intending to set upon the towne of *Paderborne*, from whence the Duke of *Brunswick* was gone; the said Duke thereupon returned backe againe, and as vvee heare hath fought with them, where betweene them there was a great fight, wherein many on both sides were slaine, and that the Duke of *Brunswick* had the victorie, the certaintie whereof is daily expected: it is said y he is gone
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with certaine thousand men towards the *Palatinate*, and hath left good garisons in *Lipstat* and *Soest*.

As also that upon the 16 of May the said Duke going from *Paterborm* with his army of 20000 men horse & foot marching to *Eisvelt*, and hauing made a bridge ouer the *Wesel* at *Hopfel*, the Earle *Stirom* with his horsemen hauing the Rereward, being wartered at *Salts Cotten*, the *Spaniards* & *Bauarians* the night before went thither and made an alarme, setting upon the Rereward, & thought to take their cariage; but the Duke presently relieuing them, kild some of the *Spaniards* and *Bauarians*, and tooke some prisoners. And since we heard that the Elector of *Colen* and the Baron of *Anholt* had an intent to set upon the Duke of *Brunswick* as he marched forward, and to that end sent 16 companies of horsemen and some foote to set upon his Rereward; Which the Duke understanding, turned back againe, and met with the enemy, hauing eight peeces of Ordinance with him, vwhereupon the enemy furiously set upon him; and he causing his greatest troupes vvith the peeces to retire, presently made a lane, and gaue fire to his Ordinance, and

and therewith put his enemies in such a feare,
that they fled away, whom he on all sides pur-
sued, and slue three cornets of horse, and eight
companies of their footmen, vvhich done he
followed on his victorie.

And now vve are certified that the said
Duke of *Brunswick* hath bin at *Hildesheim* be-
longing to the Bishop of *Colen*, and hath gotten
2000 weeks Dollers of the Capiall, & as much
from the *Jewes* there, for that they hauing taken
vp the good mony in the country of *Brunswick*,
caused such bad mony to be minted, that there-
by great complaints and hurt ensued. And af-
ter that the said Duke went to the stift *Fulda*,
and it is said that he is there already, and cau-
seth the Abbot and the Capitoll to giue him a
great summe of mony, from whence he in-
tends to go to the Bishopricke of *Wirtsburg* in
Frankenland, and also to the Bishop of *Bamburg*
and other to visit them.

It is said that he left a strong garison in *Lip-
stat* before his departure, being eleuen compa-
nies of horse and footmen, as also in the towne
of *Ham*, these 2 townes are indifferent strong
and vvell provided of all things, so that in cer-
taine moneths they can want nothing.

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It is certified from *Venice*, that in *Naples* the preparation for the Warre dayly goes forward, and that they haue great want of pro-
want, as also that there are Souldiers taken vp in the double Donne of *Millaine* that are to bee sent against those of *Valtolina*, and the *Gri-
sons*.

They write from *Vienna* that the same day the Em-
perour rode to the meeting holden in Oldenburgh, wherein hee is to enter the 20. of May, and that the next Munday ensuing, the Propositions shall be pro-
pounded, and then those at *Lepenburgh* and *Newstadt* shall cease, where the *Spauschapper* and the princi-
pallest Lords are altogether assembled. With the Em-
perour there went 12. Companies of Foot, and two Regiments of Horsmen. That *Bethlem Gabor* the Marquesse of *Iagarensdorp* and the Earle of *Thurne* and *Hof-kirchen* are yet at *Grootwerden*, and cause a great number of Souldiers to march out of *Setenber-
ghen* to *Cassan*.

Also that the Emperours Generall, the Earle of *Ni-
gromont* with *Don Balthasar*, are appointed to goe from thence to the Emperours and *Leopoldus* his Ar-
my in *Elsas*.

That still they build vp the new Bulwarkes in *Vien-
na*, and it is said that the Suburbs that were last marke
out shall be taken downe againe, and that on the o-
ther side of the Draw-bridge there shall bee a new
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Towne buik, the ground being freely given to that use.

The last Letter from *Prague* makes mention, that the 1000. Horsemen taken vp by the Duke of Holstein for the Emperour are come into the Gatscher Crays, the Commissary of the Musters chiefe Lieutenant is gone ~~thither~~ to muster them, but they will take no other money but rickes Dollars and Golde, there are to goe to the lower Palatinate with the men of *Beckmans* Regiment, and 5. Companies of *Preneßers* Regiment.

Likewise that the *Dampier* Horsemen, that serued at the beginning of the Warre, because that in long time they haue receiued no pay, quarter themselves at Pilgrims in Bohemia.

That in the Commincke Gatscher Territories, there are 3000. Peasants (belonging to the Baron *Dausby*) assembled together, who hauing nothing to liue on, nor no meanes left them to Plow and till the Countrey, are resolutely determined to venture their liues, and to ioyne with those that are the strongest, it is said that they were moued and stirred vp vnto that Commotion by the young Earle of Thurne, and it is certified, that not long since they haue pillaged and ransackt the Countrey, and all the wayes 5. myles round about, and haue carryed away all that they could get or come by, and it is reported that the olde Earle of Thurne with some thousands of Walachians, will march through Morauia to relieue his Sonne that is besieged in Glats.

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It is written from *Cullen*, that the day before the King of Bohemia's departure, being the 16. of May, there came an Ambassadour vnto him from *Bethlem Gabor*, as also from the Marquess of Iagarensdorp, with Letters containing as it is thought, that hee would make no peace with the Emperour, but would continue the Warre still and holde with the King.

That the Spaniards insconce themselves by *Oppenheim*, and the Bauarians at *Gilzerhoorn* vpon the *Necker*, 2. myles aboue *Heydelburgh*.

That there are some Galleons and Ships sent out of *Spaine* and *Biscaine*, but what they will doe it is not yet knowne.

Out of *France* it is certified, that they of *Rochell* daily bring Prizes and booties into the Towne and still strengthen themselves by water. That the King is in the Field with 3. Armies. It is said that *Roane* is besieged, and that there is great speed made to besiege *Rochell* both by Water and by Land, but they of *Rochell* make preparation to withstand it.

It is also certified, that the King hath taken *Roane* by Composition, as also *Truings*, and that they marched to *St. Foy*.

It is certified that the Ostenders at Sea, kept 2. and 2. together, and that the *Hollanders* Ships follow them and haue driuen of them on ground in England, and we heare another of them is cast away.

The Netherland Souldiers out of diners parts are all march'd vpwads, and our Ships with Ordnance, Bridges, and other Munition are gone higher to and

before Bommell.

*A Letter from Mainheim, dated
the 24. of May. 1622.*

MY last Letter was on the 14. of May, in which I gaue you to vnderstand of the Archduke *Leopoldus* his shamefull retreat from Hagennaw and of his losse there of Munition especially. The King and Count *Mansfield* marched downe againe to *Späres*, there the Marquesse of Baden met them, whereupon Consultation it was concluded, that the King & Count *Mansfield* should passe ouer the Rhine and Necker before at this Towne as they did the day before yesterday, and will be this night in the Land of Darmestat, if God permit.

And the Marquesse of *Baden* is passed the Rhine yesterday as was agreed at Germersheim, and to morrow will repasse it heere againe with his Army, and follow the King : which seperation was a bolde and braue Aduenture, yet is like to speed well as such doe often in Warre, for *Don Gouza* hath sent 25. Coronets of Cauallery to Monsieur *Tilly*, who lyeth still about Heydelburgh as farr as we heare, and will not meddle with the Count *Mansfield* and the Marques of *Baden*, if they be once ioyned, seeing it appeares that *Cordona* will not stirre out of his Garrisons with his Infantry. But I would the Marques were with the King, hee for his person behaued himselfe exceeding brauely, as I heare since from the mouthes of his Enemies, and so did

did his two younger Sonnes also, who are now also with him, besides the losse of all his Baggage, Artillery and Munition, his men flung away their Armes in their flight, but he hath furnished them againe, by disarming his Subiects.

The Duke of *Brumswicke* is on foot, and like to goe to *Bauaria* rather then come hither as I heare, and is feared by the way, he takes thorow the Land of *Alsfeld*, to spare which he hath bin offered 100. Thousand Dollers, but would haue 50. Thousand more. The Duke of *Bauaria* is going I heare to forme a Campe about *Dumaneri* to resist him, and the Elector of *Saxon* is drawing his Forces together in *Turning*, to the same end also as it is thought, but hee will make his part good, vnlesse Monsieur *Tilly* goe from hence to helpe him, and if hee doe, the Priests and Shauelings and their helpers are like to goe to wracke.

It is reported that the Towne of *Collen* before this, did ayde *Spinola* with 50. thousand Dollers, and that now also the *Hollanders* will haue as much of the same Towne, what will ensue thereof we shall heare.

From *Brussels* it is certified, that the Earle of *Swatzenburgh* the Emperours Ambassadour is arriued there out of England, and yet stayes there, as also an Ambassadour out of England, and that they haue begun to enter into a treaty. That the Countesse of *Bucquoy*, with her Sonne *Albertus*, and the Earle *Biglia* her Brother, were ready to depart from thence with *Don Iean Hernuere*, to goe to *Vienna*, and carry the Duke of *Lichtenstein*, and the Earle of *Megen* the Golden Fleece.

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From the East Countrey it is written, that the King of Denmarke, hath sent Ambassadors to the Emperour and the Duke of Saxon, to bee a meanes to procure Peace to be made in the Empire, and that the Palatinate may be restored againe, In the meane time the said King takes vp a great number of Souldiers in the Land of Holst, Denmarke, and other places, and 3. Peasants are forced to set out one Souldier.

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